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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 January 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11-19, 21 and 22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 11-19 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected Group II, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 1/6/2009.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 20 recites the limitation "the computer-readable medium" in claim 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-10 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Scolini et al., Pub. No.: US 2003/0233321 A1, in view of Tsuei et al., US Publication Number: 2004/0083184 A1, in view of Geiger et al, US Patent Number: 6,073,142, in view of background of King et al., US Publication Number: 2005/0228679 A1, further in view of Official Notice.
3. As per claim 1, Scolini et al. teach a method for generating account statements for batch printing, comprising:

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grouping a plurality of accounts for which account statements are to be generated in a batch printing run (§ 1221; § 1230);

receiving account data, at a computer, for each of the plurality of accounts, the account data for use in generating at least one account statement for each of the plurality of accounts (§ 0002, § 0164, § 0903; § 0912; § 0920; § 1467);

presenting, to a user, a plurality of reporting formats that are available to be assigned to at least one of the plurality of account statements, each of the plurality of reporting formats defining parameters relating to a report layout, a report delivery method, and a report assembly method (§ 0006; § 0173; § 0485; § 0488; § 0603; § 0616; § 0842-0908; § 1290 § 1350-1456);

receiving, from the user, a selection of a first account from the plurality of accounts, and a selection of a first reporting format from the plurality of reporting formats for the first account and a second reporting format for the first account for the first account (§ 0273; § 0593; § 0636; § 0642);

updating, by said computer, a report order table with a first model Identifier corresponding to the selection of the first reporting format and a second model identifier corresponding to the selection of the second reporting format, wherein the first model identifier and the second model identifier are each associated with one of the plurality of reporting format (§ 0322, 0337, 0354-0367 and 0572-0616);

receiving, from the user, a selection of a second account from the plurality of accounts, and a selection of a third reporting format for the second account and a fourth reporting format for the second account from the plurality of reporting formats for the second account (§ 0145; § 0269; 0273; § 0405; § 0429; § 0620; § 0636; § 0642; § 0992; § 1209-1218);

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receiving, from a user, corresponding to at least one of: the first account and the second account (¶ 0273; ¶ 0636; ¶ 0642);

by said computer (¶ 0002; ¶ 0022; ¶ 0164; ¶ 1467);

assembling, by said computer, a directory of individual account statements, wherein said directory of individual account statements (¶ 0002; ¶ 1221; ¶ 1230; ¶ 0400; ¶ 1177; ¶ 1352; ¶ 0006; ¶ 0549, where “index” or “listing” is equivalent of “directory”);

performing, by said computer, an automatic review of the individual account statements based on said statement parameters (¶ 0002, 0603, 1358, 1455 and 0005);

performing, by said computer, an automatic approval the individual account statements in response to said individual account statements being compliant with said statement parameters; based on said automatic review (¶ 0002, 0603, 1358, 1455 and 0005);

receiving, from a review, a selection of an account statement from the directory for review (¶ 0455; ¶ 01358; page 59; ¶ 1352; ¶ 0004-0006);

presenting the selected account statement to the reviewer (¶ 0642; ¶ 1221);

receiving, from the reviewer, at least one of: an approval of the selected account statement, a rejection of the selected account statement, a correction of the selected account statement, a request for regeneration of the selected account statement, and a request to delete the selected account statement (¶ 0008; ¶ 0447-0448; ¶ 0470; ¶ 1436; ¶ 0004; ¶ 0006);

to generate batch print instructions (¶ 1214-1231);

generating a first account statement parameters and the batch print instructions, a first account statement for the first account, a second account statement for the first account, a third

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account statement for the second account, and fourth account statement for said second account and (§ 0273; § 0636; § 0642; § 1221; § 1230);

delivering, in accordance with the statement parameters and the batch print instructions, the first account statement, the second account statement, the third account statement, and the fourth account statement (§ 0006, § 0273; § 0636; § 0642; § 1221-1230).

Scolini et al. does not teach:

Retrieving statement parameters applicable to the account statements, wherein the statement parameters include a recipient list, statement description, statement type, statement status, a number of copies to be generated, the designation for corporate review, and a designation for internal copies and, in accordance with the statement parameters; preventing the batch printing run until all individual account statements within the batch printing run are approved and released; includes the designation for corporate review; a designation for corporate review corresponding to at least one of: the first account and the second account, wherein said designation for corporate review is stored with statement parameters; updating, by the computer, the report order table with a third model identifier corresponding to the selection of the third reporting format and a fourth model identifier corresponding to the selection of the fourth reporting format, wherein the second account first model identifier and the second account second model identifier are associated with one of the plurality of reporting format; retrieving, from the report order table, the first model identifier, the second model identifier, the third model identifier and the fourth model identifier;

Tsuei et al. teaches:

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Retrieving statement parameters applicable to the account statements, wherein the statement parameters include statement description, statement type, statement status, a number of copies to be generated, and, in accordance with the statement parameters (page 17, paragraphs 0145-0148; ¶ 0123; ¶ 0127; claims 1 and 11); are approved (¶ 0113);

Therefore, it would be prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to add retrieving statement parameters, wherein the statement parameters include statement description, statement type, statement status, a number of copies to be generated, and, in accordance with the statement parameters and are approved features to method for generating account statements for batch printing of Scolini because Tsuei et al. teaches that adding the feature helps and makes the database available to distributors that need the information for relabeling (page 17, paragraph 0148 and page 2 paragraphs 0012-0021).

Geiger et al. teaches:

a recipient list, a designation for corporate review and internal copies (column 1, lines 15-34; column 4, lines 40-55; column 7, lines 31-41; column 25, lines 39-65); includes the designation for corporate review (column 1, lines 15-34; column 4, lines 40-55; column 7, lines 31-41; column 25, lines 39-65); a designation for corporate review, wherein said designation for corporate review is stored with statement parameters (column 1, lines 15-34; column 4, lines 40-55; column 7, lines 31-41; column 25, lines 39-65; column 22, lines 25-35);

Therefore, it would be prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to add a recipient list, a designation for corporate review, internal copies and includes the designation for corporate review and a designation for corporate review, wherein said designation for corporate review is stored with statement parameters features to

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method for generating account statements for batch printing of Scolini because Geiger et al teaches that adding the features helps to enables distributed network gatekeeping and review of the e-mail message by any number of corporate official designated as gatekeepers (page 17, paragraph 0148 and page 2 paragraphs 0012-0021).

Background of King et al. teaches:

preventing the batch printing run until all individual account statements within the batch printing run are released (§ 0002-0004); releasing the selected account statement for the batch printing run (§ 0002-0004);

Therefore, it would be prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to add preventing the batch printing until the individual account statements and released for printing and releasing the selected account statement for the batch printing run features to method for a web-based, convergent communications billing solution for large-scale customer/users of Scolini, because background of King et al. teaches that adding the features help to prevent duplicate billing or loss of the individual statements (§ 0002-0004).

Official Notice is taken that updating, by the computer, the report order table with a third model identifier corresponding to the selection of the third reporting format and a fourth model identifier corresponding to the selection of the fourth reporting format, wherein the second account first model identifier and the second account second model identifier are associated with one of the plurality of reporting format, retrieving, from the report order table, the first model identifier, the second model identifier, the third model identifier and the fourth model identifier is old and well known in the commercial business industry as a convenient way for company or individual to facilitate the batch printing process. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the

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time of the invention to have included updating, by the computer, the report order table with a third model identifier corresponding to the selection of the third reporting format and a fourth model identifier corresponding to the selection of the fourth reporting format, wherein the second account first model identifier and the second account second model identifier are associated with one of the plurality of reporting format to the generating account statements.

4. As per claim 2, Scolini et al., Official Notice, Tsuei et al., background of King et al. and Geiger et al. teach the method of claim 1 described above. Scolini further teaches said grouping further comprising:

grouping the plurality of accounts based on a group designation selected by the user (§ 0219; § 1207).

5. As per claim 3, Scolini et al., Official Notice, background of King et al., Tsuei et al. and Geiger et al. teach the method of claim 2 described above. Scolini further teaches wherein at least one of: the first statement, second statement, the third statement, and the fourth statement comprises at least one of a billing statement, a credit card statement, and a summary of investment holdings (§ 0920-0921).

6. As per claim 4, Scolini et al., Official Notice, background of King et al., Tsuei et al. and Geiger et al. teach the method of claim 3 described above. Scolini et al. further teaches said account data retrieved from a financial database (§ 0797-0798).

7. As per claim 5, Scolini et al., Official Notice, background of King et al., Tsuei et al. and Geiger et al. teach the method of claim 4 described above. Scolini et al. further teaches the method comprising:

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receiving, from the user, a correction of the account data for at least one of: the first account and the second account, wherein the correction is entered into the financial database (§ 0561; § 0856; § 1218).

8. As per claim 6, Scolini et al., Official Notice, background of King et al., Tsuei et al. and Geiger et al. teach the method of claim 5 described above. Scolini et al. further teaches the method comprising:

receiving, from the user, a selection of the second reporting format for the first account (§ 0273; § 0636; § 0642; § 1221; § 1230); and

Scolini et al. does not teach: generating a fifth statement for a third account and sixth statement for the third account in at least one of: the third reporting format or fourth reporting format for the first account, the first statement, the second statement, the third statement, the fourth statement, the third account first statement and the third account second statement for printing in the batch printing run.

Official Notice is taken that generating a fifth statement for a third account and sixth statement for the third account in at least one of: the third reporting format or fourth reporting format for the first account, the first statement, the second statement, the third statement, the fourth statement, the third account first statement and the third account second statement for printing in the batch printing run is old and well known in the commercial business industry as a convenient way for company or individual to facilitate the batch printing process. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to have included generating a fifth statement for a third account and sixth statement for the third account in at least one of: the third reporting format or fourth reporting format for the first account, the first statement, the second

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statement, the third statement, the fourth statement, the third account first statement and the third account second statement for printing in the batch printing run to the generating account statements.

9. As per claim 7, Scolini et al., Official Notice, background of King et al., Tsuei et al. and Geiger et al. teach the method of claim 6 described above. Scolini et al. further teaches the method comprising:

receiving, from the user, a selection of a third reporting format from the plurality of reporting formats for the second account(¶ 0273; ¶ 0636; ¶ 0642; ¶ 1221; ¶ 1230); and

generating a third account statement in the third reporting format for the second account, said first, second and third account statements for printing in the batch printing run (¶ 0273; ¶ 0636; ¶ 0642; ¶ 1221; ¶ 1230).

10. As per claim 8, Scolini et al., Official Notice, background of King et al., Tsuei et al. and Geiger et al. teach the method of claim 7 described above. Scolini further teaches the method comprising: designating at least one of the first account statement, the second statement for quality review (¶ 0006; 1358; page 59).

Scolini does not teach: the third statement, the fourth statement, the fifth statement, and the sixth statement.

Official Notice is taken that the third statement, the fourth statement, the fifth statement, and the sixth statement is old and well known in the commercial business industry as a convenient way for company or individual to facilitate the batch printing process. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to have included the third statement, the

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fourth statement, the fifth statement, and the sixth statement to the generating account statements.

11. As per claim 9, Scolini et al., Official Notice, background of King et al., Tsuei et al. and Geiger et al. teach the method of claim 8 described above. Scolini et al. further teaches the method comprising:

at least one of a time period for said account statements, a status of the accounts corresponding to said account statements, a corporate group responsible for the accounts, a number of copies of the account statements to be printed in the batch printing run (Figs. 16-18, 20-21), and a designation of whether the account statements are to undergo quality review (Figs. 21-22).

Scolini does not teach: wherein said report order table includes fields for.

Official Notice is taken that wherein said report order table includes fields for is old and well known in the commercial business industry as a convenient way for company or individual to facilitate the batch printing process. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to have included wherein said report order table includes fields for to the generating account statements.

12. As per claim 10, Scolini et al., Official Notice, background of King et al., Tsuei et al. and Geiger et al. teach the method of claim 9 described above. Scolini et al. further teaches the method comprising:

printing the batch printing run after said generating and a completion of a quality review for all designated account statements in the batch printing run (¶ 1259).

13. As per claim 20, claim 20 is equivalent of claim 10. Please refer to claim 10 rejection.

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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 and 20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARISSA LIU whose telephone number is (571)270-1370. The examiner can normally be reached on IFP.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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